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Dear Mr. Berry,

As a Native Hawaiian, I deeply appreciate the opportunity to support the federal government of the United States, to correct the atrocious crime committed by the United States Navy in 1893, the illegal over-throw of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

As a Native Hawaiian, I have experienced, first hand, the repercussion's of the crime to my people and our 'aina. The disenfranchisement of our people from the land has caused generations of pain and suffering.

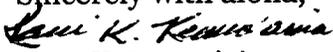
Hawaiian's have experienced for more than a century, continued unjust treatment in their own homeland. It is timely that the U.S. Departments of Justice and the Interior has sought to make compensation for the ramifications sustained upon the host people of the Hawaiian Islands. Total restoration of the Kingdom of Hawaii and reparations to redress and atone for the crime-committed 106 years ago is the only acceptable reconciliation.

In 1993, Kaho'olawe was returned to the Hawaiians; another part of the reconciliation process should include that, the U.S. military must depart from the Hawaiian Islands, the land of peace; and the people of aloha.

Mr. Berry, please let our Queen, Lili'uokalani, and our ancestors rest in peace, do all in your power to make pololei (right) the wrong; for the sake of the Hawaiian children and the unborn Hawaiians yet to come.

To quote an article published in *Ka Wai Ola o OHA*, November 1999, page 20:
"In 1893, the Hawaiian Kingdom was over-thrown...Five years later, Hawai'i was illegally annexed to the United States, and 1.8 million acres of land was confiscated. Since then, Native Hawaiians have plummeted in the social statistics of health, income, substance abuse, are without a land-base, and are over represented in prison and homeless populations".

Mahalo to you Mr. Berry, and to all that may read this correspondence, that restoration of the Kingdom of Hawaii will occur in a expedient fashion.

Sincerely with aloha,

Kani K. Keana'aina